

## NEWS RELEASE

**Turkeys Raised  
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### 2002 NORTH DAKOTA TURKEY PRODUCTION

#### North Dakota

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in North Dakota during 2002 is 1.9 million birds, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is up 19 percent from the 1.6 million birds raised in 2001, but down 27 percent from the record high of 2.6 million birds in 1997. Since 1990, turkeys raised in North Dakota have ranged from a low of 1.15 million turkeys in 1993 and 1994 to the record high in 1997.

#### United States

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2002 is 270 million, down 1 percent from the number raised during 2001. The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2002: North Carolina, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, and shows a 3 percent increase from last year. Minnesota ranks second with 44.0 million birds, the same as 2001. Arkansas is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 7 percent more than a year ago. Missouri growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2002, unchanged from the previous year. Virginia, at 20.0 million birds is down 17 percent from 2001. California expects to raise 17.7 million turkeys, 5 percent less than a year earlier.

#### TURKEYS RAISED

States	Total All Breeds		
	2001	2002	2002 % of 2001
	--- Thousand Birds ---		-- Pct. --
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	1,600	1,900	119
Minnesota	44,000	44,000	100
North Carolina	43,000	44,500	103
South Dakota	4,900	4,600	94
United States	272,059	269,917	99

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